

# What to do with waste tires?

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has a new website to help answer questions about managing waste tires. Visit **[www.scdhec.gov/wastetires](http://www.scdhec.gov/wastetires)** to learn more.

## Waste Tires: The Basics

Here's are some options for properly managing waste tires.

- **LEAVE THEM!** When you buy new tires, leave your old ones with the dealer. They'll make sure they are recycled.
- **RECYCLE THEM!** All counties have collection programs that accept tires from residents. For information about a program near you, visit **[www.scdhec.gov/recyclehereSC](http://www.scdhec.gov/recyclehereSC)** and select "Where to Recycle Locally" or call 1-800-768-7348.
- **REPORT IT!** Tire dumping and unpermitted storage should be reported to your local litter control office or regional DHEC office. For more details, visit **[www.scdhec.gov/wastetires](http://www.scdhec.gov/wastetires)** or **[www.palmettopride.org](http://www.palmettopride.org)**.
- **KEEP THEM DRY!** Tires must be stored in a way that prevents mosquitoes from breeding. For more information, please visit **[www.scdhec.gov/mosquitoes](http://www.scdhec.gov/mosquitoes)**.

**Did you know?** South Carolinians generate about 4.6 million waste tires every year. Improperly disposed tires pose a risk to human health and the environment. If recycled, waste tires can be made into many products or used to make energy.



## **Permits for Waste Tire Hauling, Storage & Processing**

Certain requirements apply to the transport, storage and processing of waste tires. For information on applications for waste tire hauler registration as well as collection or processing permits, visit [www.scdhec.gov/wastetires](http://www.scdhec.gov/wastetires).

### **Why am I paying a \$2 tire fee?**

This fee is used to ensure that tires are properly managed and recycled, to prevent the illegal dumping of waste tires and to encourage new uses for old tires.

### **DHEC Contact Information**

